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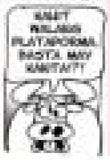
Zubiri gets 'Boom Tarat Tarat' jingle for a song

By Nini Valera
Entertainment

EVEN IF THE JUDGES were less deaf, "Boom Tarat Tarat" would never win an Avil award.

But because the novelty song is so silly, it has

ZUBIRI/A11





HOMESPUN on the economic front, says President Arroyo.

GMA orders Melo report released

But media won't have access to document

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE EUROPEAN UNION and the United Nations' special rapporteur may expect to receive on Monday copies of the Melo Commission's report on the extrajudicial killings, National Security Adviser Norberto Gonzales said yesterday.

The disclosure came on the same day that police and the human rights group Karapatan announced the killing of leftist student leader Farley Abasolo II in Camarines Norte on Thursday. Abasolo was shot dead by a lone gunman who managed to get away. (See story on Page A6.)

Gonzales said in an interview that President Macapagal-Arroyo gave him the go-signal on Tuesday to transmit copies of the "thick document" requested by the European Commission, the EU's executive body, and UN Special Rapporteur Philip Alston.

"We're all after the truth, so we will have

GMA ORDERS/A6



NO MAN'S LAND: Barangay Maipon in Guinobatan, Albay, at the foot of Mt. Mayon was obliterated under boulders and mud.

REMING'S RUINS REVISITED

Time to get life and living back on track

By Rosario A. Garcellano and Jocelyn R. Uy

(Last of three parts)

SPECIAL REPORT
Project Editor
Rosario A. Garcellano

"WE NOW HAVE TO STOP looking for the missing," Jesse Lleda said late in January in the course of addressing the question of how in God's creation the exact number of those who perished in Albay under the onslaught of "Reming" could be arrived at.

After coordinating with barangay officials, collecting data, poring through records, consulting maps, asking displaced families at evacuation centers about the whereabouts of their neighbors (and even children where their parents were)—after all these painstaking efforts, it becomes imperative to assume that the missing are dead. (Records of Albay's Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office as of Jan. 15 listed 961 casualties—520 dead and 441 missing.)

A heartbreaking thought, but a necessary step to focus on the living and get life for what now passes for it) back on track.

TIME/A6

Economic surge elates GMA: 'Seize the moment'

By Michael Lim Ubac

HEARTENED BY A SURGE OF THE stock market and the peso, President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday called on Filipinos to "seize the moment" and said not even the heated election campaign could slow down the country's economic recovery.

Ms Arroyo said the stock market advance, the performance of the peso and the peak in overseas workers' remittances "are clear manifestations that our economic bonanza is in play."

"Not even the intense politicking brought about by the forthcoming elec-

ECONOMIC/A6

Edong on romancing Loren: Ridiculous

By Cynthia D. Balana

DID THEY OR DIDN'T THEY?

Sen. Edgardo "Edong" Angara said the question was both ridiculous and unfair, as he addressed persistent rumors that he was having an affair with opposition stalwart Loren Legarda, the ex-senator who is seeking to return to the Senate in the May elections.

According to Angara, who is running on the rival administration ticket, the rumor started about three years ago, spread via text message and coffee shop talk. He said he decided to ignore it thinking nobody would believe it.

But the rumor was resurrected last week just as the campaign for the May elections started.

On Thursday, Angara faced the question squarely and told Inquirer editors over dinner it was time to put the rumor to rest.

"It's really ridiculous. It's not true," he said.

Asked why he never bothered to deny it before this time, Angara said: "Because the more you comment on it, the more it will spread."

Asked how he got romantically linked to Legarda, a mother of two who is estranged from husband, former Batangas Gov. Antonio Leviste, Angara said some people in the Senate may have misconstrued their closeness.

He said that as a senior senator he was regularly consulted on certain issues by Legarda, from the time she was a neophyte

EDONG/A10

Palace moves to save nurses' American Dream

By Michael Lim Ubac and Jerome Aning

MALACAÑANG IS MOVING FAST TO save the "American Dream" of more than 17,000 nurses who passed the scandal-smeared 2006 nursing licensure examination.

President Macapagal-Arroyo yesterday expressed regret at the decision of the US-based Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS International) to require passers of the June 2006 exam to retake its leaked portions before they could work in the United States.

The CGFNS has urged the government to "provide opportunity for a retake" of the compromised test portions so that the passers could qualify for a VisaScreen certificate, a document required for tests leading to the practice of nursing in America.

"I would like to take this opportunity to express that I am saddened by the fact that the visa hold has been employed on the deployment of our Filipino nurses as a result of the nursing exams of last year," Ms Arroyo said while addressing an international science conference in Malate, Manila.

"I have instructed the Secretary of Labor to immediately look into the findings of the (CGFNS) and seek all forms of relief from the visa hold and appeal for the

PALACE/A11

Cesar Montano joins Team Unity vice Petilla

By Jerome Aning, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr., Nikko Dizon and Dona Pazzibugan

MOVIE ACTOR CESAR "BUBOY" MONTANO, 45, will replace Leyte Gov. Jericho Petilla in the administration's senatorial lineup.

Petilla gave up his slot in the administration's Team Unity just a day before the administration ticket's launch in Cebu today to run for reelection as governor.

Montano and Petilla showed up at the Commission on Elections office at about 7 p.m. to formalize the substitution. Comelec officials said there was no violation as long as Montano was being nominated by the same party.

Section 34 of Comelec Resolution No. 7799 allows substitution of candidates who withdraw until May 7.

"It just landed on my lap. I was pulled in," Montano told reporters at the Comelec office.

Though he knew he was on the long list, it was still a surprise because the administration coalition had already made its choices for the ticket and he was not on it, the actor said.

"I am very blessed, very pleased and honored that I was the one chosen among the many really good candidates," he said in a mixture of English and Filipino.

Comelec employees scrambled to

CESAR/A10



PARTNERS: Singapore's Ascendas Pte. Ltd. and RP's Hot Group have a P7.5-billion joint project covering five office buildings at The Fort. Singapore President S R Nathan (right) is greeted by Ascendas Pte. Ltd. Chair Lew Syn Pau at the groundbreaking rites of its fourth building on Friday. At center is Lilia de Lima, director general of the Philippine Economic Zone Authority. (Story on Page B1.)

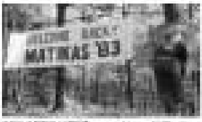
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GO bets to use 'Hello Garci' tune

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE "HELLO GARCI" RING TUNE JUST WON'T go away.

Politics casts shadow on PMA homecoming



3 opposition bets to block Pagcor bill

Hanging bridge falls down; 32 Girl Scouts hurt



CA dismisses Leviste bid to stop new probe

The Daily Gospel

Hope and despair for Guinsaugon survivors one year after mudslide



31-M cubic meters

Religious pilgrimage

More painful

They are remembered

48 psychiatric cases

15-year-old Palawan boy saves 'dugong'



VOLUNTEERS gently tow the stranded dugong to deeper waters.

He knew what to do

Shallow waters

Don't kill dugongs

Prof. Flora Hizon dies

NPAs kill 2 cops in Mindoro









Time to get life and living back on track

REMING'S RUINS

Numbers paint a sorry picture

By Rosie Pedrosa

Erap asks court to let him campaign for opposition candidates

Noynoy tells GMA 'to do a Marcos'

Student activist slain in Camarines

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Villar vows to back Dagupan mayor if he runs against JDV

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ANGARA SHOOTS DOWN A RUMOR that refuses to go away. "It's not true, it's unfair."

Courting her—vote

Text messages

Ping behind it



CAREER MOVE:

Cesar Montano joins Team

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No time to sell Sunshine

Plus factor

Chosen over Edu

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Singing for peanuts



Unity

Not to compete but to help

Why Petilla backed out

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The companion of wisdom

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Isagani A. Cruz

Zone of light vs twilight zone

GET REAL

Solita Collas-Monsod

One-sided picture

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivarez-Cunanan



What's going on here?

YOUNG BLOOD

Going beyond the surface

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David



Survivor

Unity is not enough

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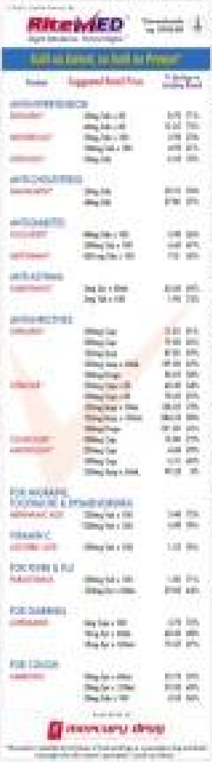
How workers can overpower 'trapos'

Air filtration to minimize pollution



Solving 'terrorism' solely with firepower will not help

Clear and present danger to civil liberties





INQUIRER Visayas

Guinsaugon mudslide recalled



By Vicente S. Labro
St. Bernard, Southern Leyte

TIME MAY HEAL grief, but a year is not enough to erase the sad memory of that tragic incident where the entire village and nearly all of the residents of Barangay Guinsaugon in St. Bernard town were buried in mud and boulders.

> Only very few of those engulfed by the rushing mud were able to escape certain death. Most of the residents who survived were away

'Landslide! Landslide!'

'Vast, vast land'

Moving on

Across the NATION

Plot to derail leftist poll bid seen

ILOILO CITY—HOUSE DEPUTY MINORITY LEADER and Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo accused the administration of fabricating criminal charges against militant legislators to prevent party-list groups from regaining their seats in the House of Representatives.



LEFTIST legislator Satur Ocampo views the remains of a member of his party, Bayan Muna, who was added to the growing list of murdered Bayan Muna members and leaders.

2 arrested leaders of Red group brought to police headquarters



SERIOUS WORK

Personnel of the Commission on Elections remove campaign posters along the Marcos Bridge in Cagayan de Oro City.

DOH to check health effects of Petron spill

Man saves dozens of people from grenade blast



SHOOT 'EM

BCDA tells SCTEx contractors to buy new equipment

Lunar New Year becomes part of Baguio City cultural landscape





AN ELDERLY couple leads the slicing of the cake after the mass wedding ceremony last Feb. 14 at Lucap Wharf in Alaminos City Pangasinan

More than 1,000 couples tie knots in mass weddings

Alaminos

Lucena

Laguna

Kings crush Beermen, tie series

Caguioa bags Best Player award

By Musong R. Castillo

CHOT REYES WORE A JACKET WHILE COACHING Game 4 of the Talk 'N Text Philippine Cup Finals last night.



CAGUIOA



SC junks UST bid for retake of nursing test

Palace moves to save nurses' ...

Honor must be upheld

Next move

US action foretold

No hiring them

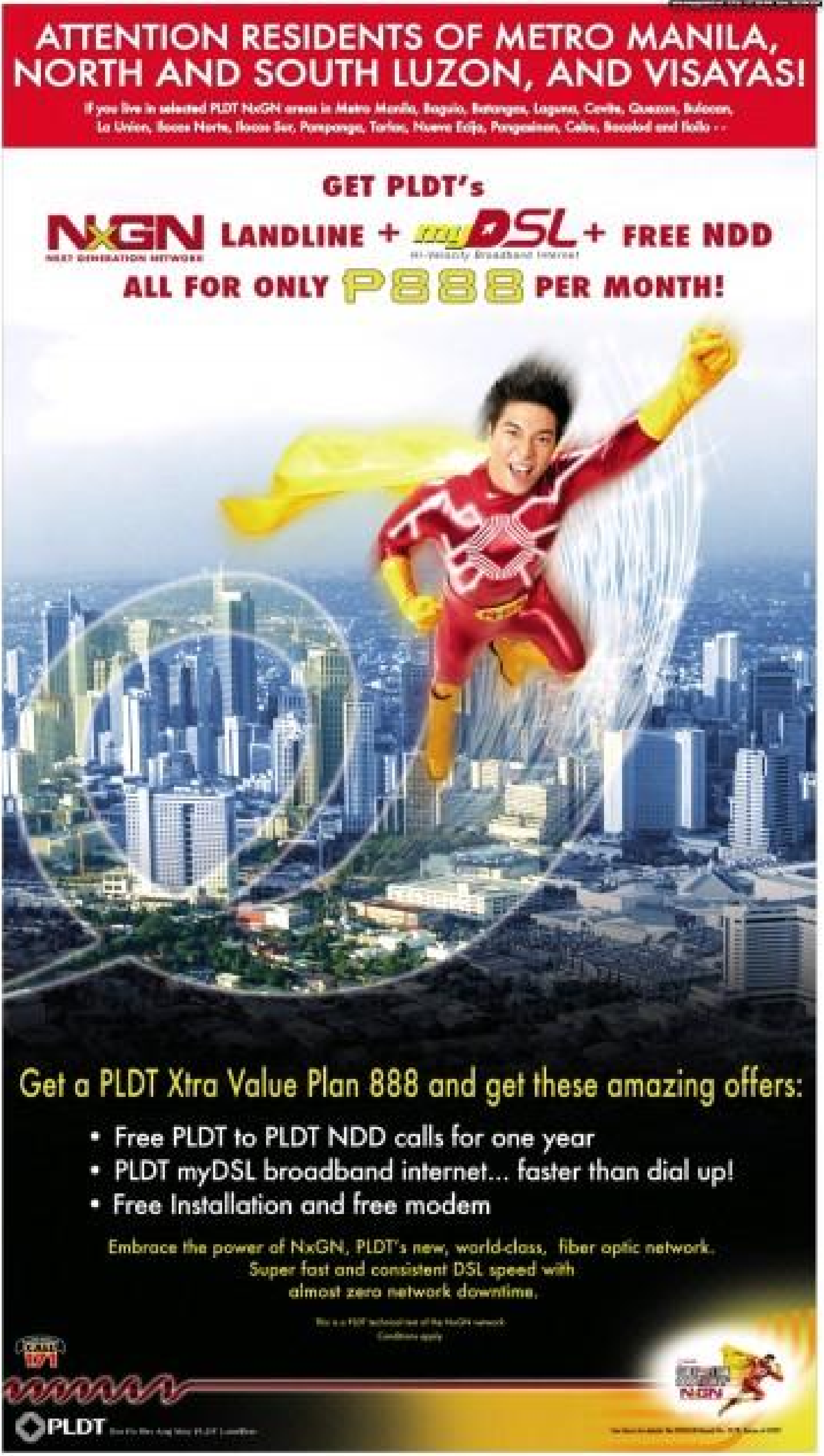
All are victims

Not end of the road

By Leila B. Salaverria

THE SUPREME COURT HAS DENIED

Selective retake


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Police, NBI confiscate shabu chemicals

Could be worth P6B when processed, says NBI



A (Chinese) New Year wish for clean elections

Concert promoter arrested for estafa



MISS MANDALUYONG CROWNED

Sharon's Kiko a 'topnotcher'

Police, NBI confiscate . . .

Makati bans food inside City Hall

Why some judges are assassinated

ON TARGET

Ramon Tulfo

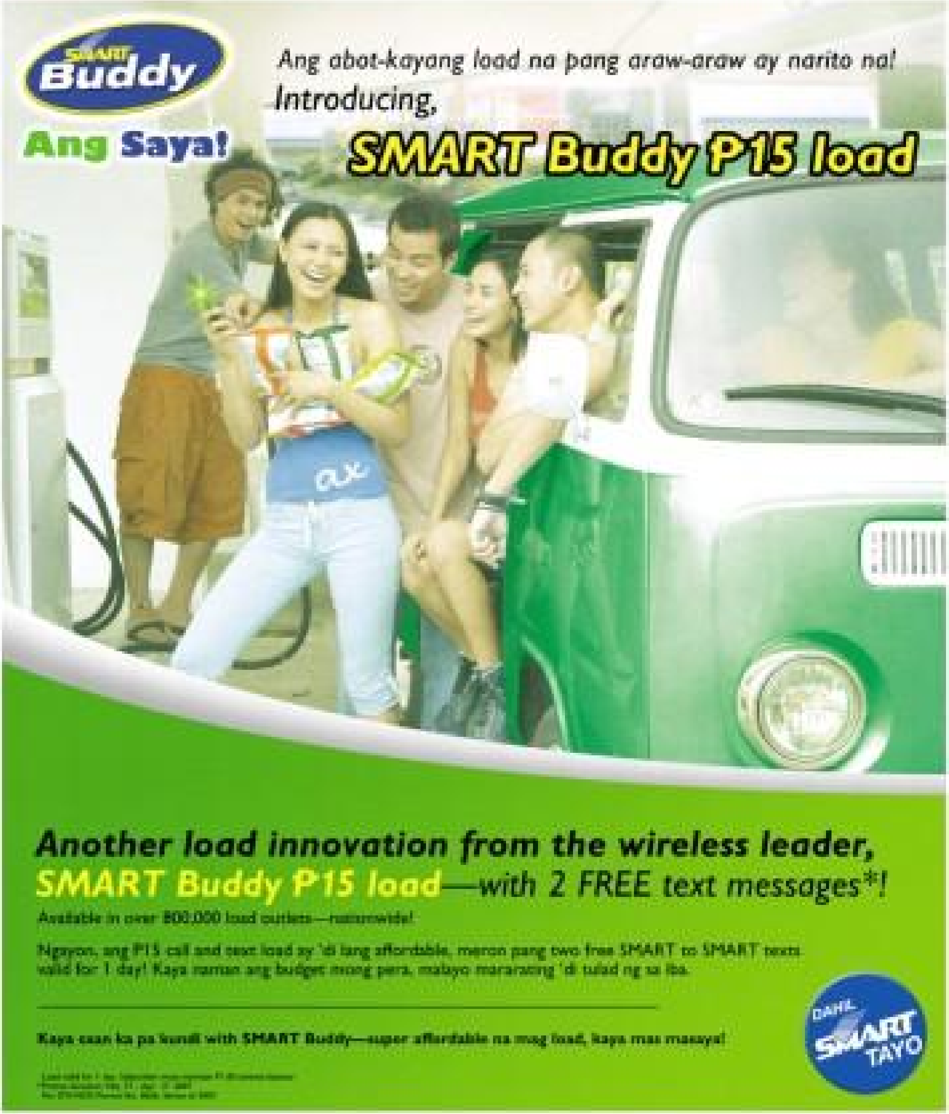




EASY DOES IT

Another SUV lost to car thieves

New source of water for Munti residents



UN: In rich countries, kids in US, UK are worse off



New cell phones to both empower, imperil children

Qaida leader hurt; Iraqi leaders mum

Passengers overpower jet hijacker



RAMPAGE

Hamas resignations clear way for unity government

Putin promotes an ally, fuels talks over successor



LOOK AGAIN, THAT'S MARS

UN force's stay in Haiti extended



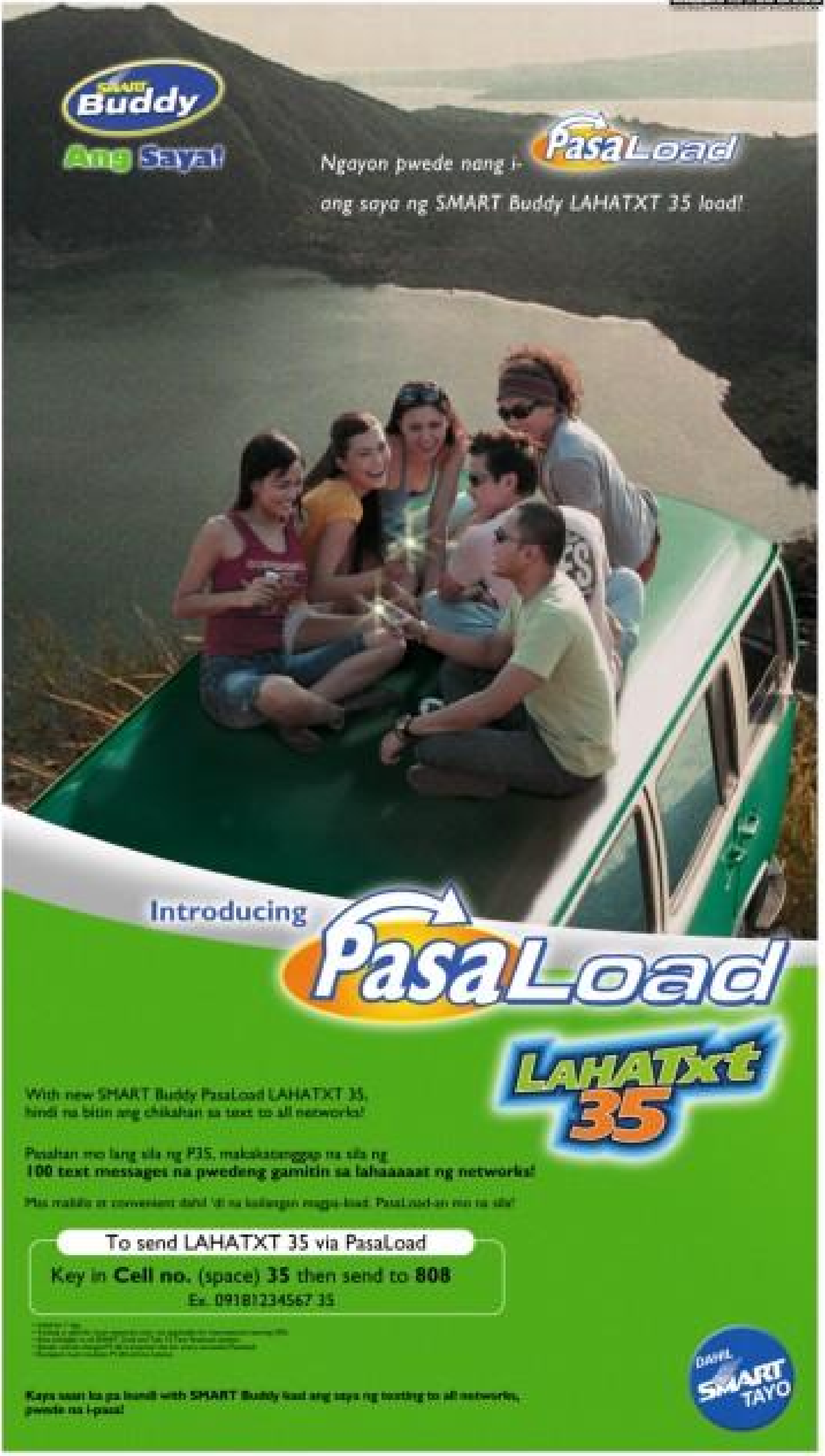
MARINES salute during the playing of Taps as the Marines of Regimental Combat Team 5 memorialize 198 Marines, soldiers, and sailors who died during the regiment's 12-month deployment in the Al-Anbar province of Iraq on Feb. 15 at Camp Pendleton, California. AP

The WORLD

US not looking for excuse to wage war with Iran–Gates

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED STATES IS NOT looking for an excuse to go to war with Iran, US Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Thursday, seeking to dispel suspicions aroused by US charges of Iranian meddling in Iraq.

AFP


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WHAT'S INSIDE

■ **Holyfield,** Hopkins still going at it /A31

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■ **Mavs notch** 9th straight victory /A31

Canlubang confident of repeat

Eagle Ridge, Team LA shine as PAL Interclub Seniors event goes full blast

CAGAYAN DE ORO—LUISITA MAY HAVE AN ace up its sleeve but Canlubang prides itself with having the deeper and balanced lineup when it starts defense of its Seniors crown today in the 60th Philippine Airlines Interclub tournament here.

[illegible]



OUT OF TROUBLE: [illegible]

Top servings

Harbour five guns for title sweep today



FULL ASSISTANCE

PBA okays release of RP cagers

Eagles champion squad nears pro league reunion



INTAL



ESCALONA

UST, UP batters on collision course

SPORTSWATCH

Nat'l bowling team elims start Feb. 21

2 names up for cage body exec director



CAPISTRANO

Hey, please help Prisoner No. 1953532



Helping Distrito

Favorable impact

Maximum time

Juvic hurts shoulder, pulls out of TCC Invt'l



PAGUNSAN



4,000 set to answer starting gun in Milo Marathon Malolos elims

No problem motivating Archers, says deputy coach

Getting in the line of fire with combat games



P2-MILLION POT

Subic hosts rich chessfest

THE RICHEST EVER CHESS tournament in the country with a total purse of $40,000 (about P1.96 million) will be staged in Subic, Olongapo, from April 10-20.



Well wishes for Campo pour

Hot fight weather engulfs Cebu City



BAUTISTA

Tagaytay hosts Mizuno Scramble Classic tilt



Jaca's power awes trainer

Mavs notch 9th straight victory

HOUSTON—JASON TERRY HIT A GO-AHEAD jumper with 1:09 remaining and made two free throws in the final seconds to give the Dallas Mavericks an 80-77 win over the Houston Rockets on Thursday night, extending their winning streak to nine games.

Cavaliers 114, Lakers 108



CLEVELAND Cavaliers' LeBron James (right) drives past Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant.

Two months after trade, all's good for Iverson



NUGGETS guard Allen Iverson

Positive people

Off-court missteps

SBS golf: Rosales flounders with 79

Harrington leads Nissan tournament

Boxing icons pick Gorres, 'Boom Boom'

Holyfield, Hopkins still going at it



EVANDER Holyfield (right)

SPORTS





TRIATHLETES Alexandra Avadia and Ani Karina De Leon are expected to spearhead the Philippine challenge [illegible] in the National Championships starting tomorrow.

3 NSAs intensify hunt for talents

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THREE NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS (NSAs) have just posted a "Help Wanted" sign right at their doors.

The triathlon, equestrian and table tennis associations [illegible] searchlight nationwide search for new talents who will be tapped to see action in the Thailand Southeast Asian Games in December.

Triathlon Association of the Philippines president Tom Carrasco [illegible] the National Championships which will be held tomorrow at the Clearwater Country Club in Clark Field, Pampanga.

Easily Carrasco said 50 of the 140 [illegible] are under 19 years old, [illegible] of fresh blood to the sport. The roster includes 17-year-old [illegible] Fernandez from Cebu who accompanied Carrasco in the [illegible] session.

Carrasco said six foreign triathletes have confirmed their participation, including a Fil-American from Hawaii and five junior campaigners from Hong Kong.

"Those who are 19 and below came from our junior program and we want to hone their skills further by letting them compete in the National Championships," said Carrasco.

Equestrian secretary general Mikee [illegible] announced the association's selection process to be held on Feb. 24-25 at the Manila Polo Club. The search for members of [illegible] will also have stops on March 10-11 and April 1 at the MFC, and March 24-25 at the [illegible] Country Club field.

Table Tennis Association of the Philippines chief [illegible] said they will embark on an exhibition program aimed at improving their silver-medal finish during the 2005 SEA Games held here.

To spur their talent search, Tatap will hold the National age-group championships on March 17-19 at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.



BUSINESS



Peso still rising, now at 48.10 to $1

Currency seen breaking into 47 level soon

ROBUST STOCK MARKET INFLOWS AND A backdrop of a strong Asian currency market yesterday sent the peso even closer to the 47 level against the dollar, closing at a new six-year high of 48.10 to the US dollar.

PESO B2

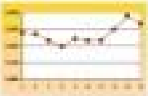
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CURRENCIES



STOCK MARKET



Shares close lower

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RP affiliate of Canada firm to conduct further studies in Canatuan

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Land Bank nets ₱1.53B in 2006

Aboitiz unit clinches power agreement

Vitarich on the road to rehabilitation

RP posted $731-M payments surplus in January

Boost from $1-B bond float, BSP's investment earnings

By Doris C. Dumlao

Banks' bad loans ratio at 8-year low

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Coco oil exports seen falling 30%

Doing community work, the Pfizer way



PFIZER employees taking part in the Engage volunteer program volunteer their time to give treats (above) and enhance the reading skills (below) of the less fortunate.



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Value of community

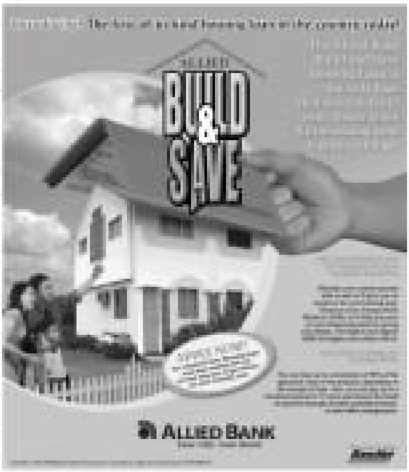
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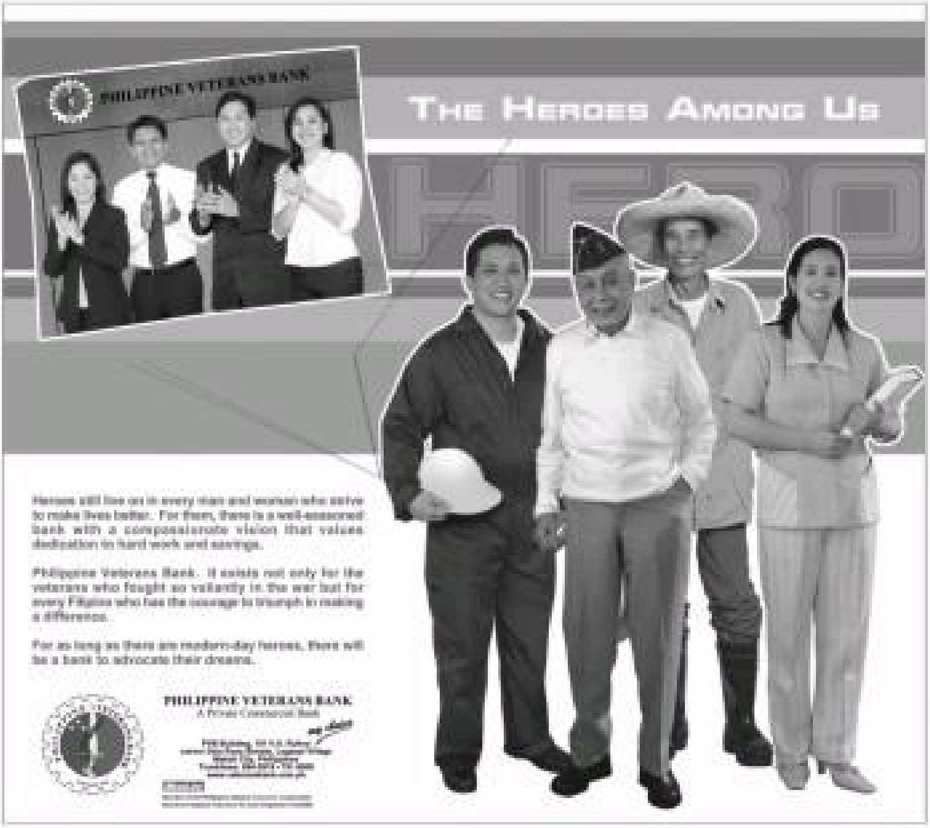
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PhilHealth urges members to get their PINs soonest

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RP population now more aware of PhilHealth





SCIENCE/HEALTH

From rock icon to healthy living crusader

BY NOW, THE LOCAL rock world and just about every music lover all over the country must have heard about what happened to Ely Buendia, lead singer-guitarist of the rock band Pupil (although he is readily remembered as the trend-setting frontman of the iconic '90s band, Eraserheads).

[illegible]

Severely blocked

[illegible]

Stent implantation

[illegible]



BUENDIA wants to remind his fellow youth about the dangers of having an unhealthy lifestyle.

STENTS similar to this one is now in place in two of the arteries supplying Buendia's heart.

Renarrowing

[illegible]

Lifestyle plays a role

[illegible]

In 2 months

[illegible]

Ateneo Grade School Math Olympiad

EUREKA!

Queena N. Lee-Chua



[illegible]

Group competition

[illegible]

Winners

[illegible]



LMOs for general consumption

DISCOVER

Maane Santos Ballon



[illegible]

Products' safety

[illegible]

Prion development

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International accord

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Mindanao town to bring infant mortality rate down to 0

[illegible]

A story worth telling

[illegible]

Strengthen rural health unit

[illegible]

Heightened awareness

[illegible]

PCCI prepares 23 areas for free trade

By Ronnel W. Domingo

More tobacco planted in Ilocos

By Frank Cimatu



PROPERTY



A new landmark to rise in Makati





Catalyst

24-hour offices

Self-contained

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Full support

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RECENT TURNOVER

5 success factors of energy-efficient buildings

GREEN ARCHITRENDS

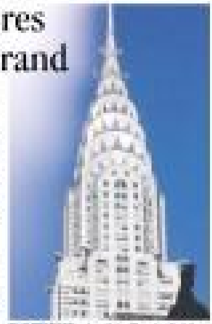
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Improvement program

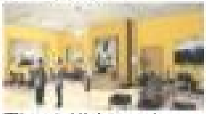
Involvement



Art Deco inspires Eastwood LeGrand



The beginnings of Art Deco

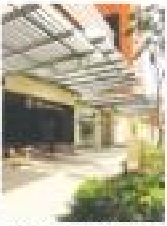


A grand comeback





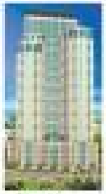
Why retailers choose to launch fresh concepts at Bonifacio Global City



Long line of shoppers

Doing good sales

Fresh retail setup





Celebrity Club: where passion and pastimes meet



REYES

Gym

Grand ballroom

Another prime community



Masaito offers classy yet affordable homes



CLASSY but affordable



A HOME near Metro Manila

Latest projects

Retirement haven



Reinventing the condo developer mold

Development milestone



CENTROPOLIS: Condominium in Mandaluyong City



TUSCANY Residences in Las Piñas

New features





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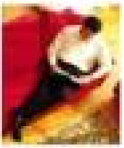
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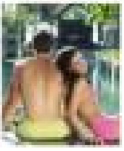
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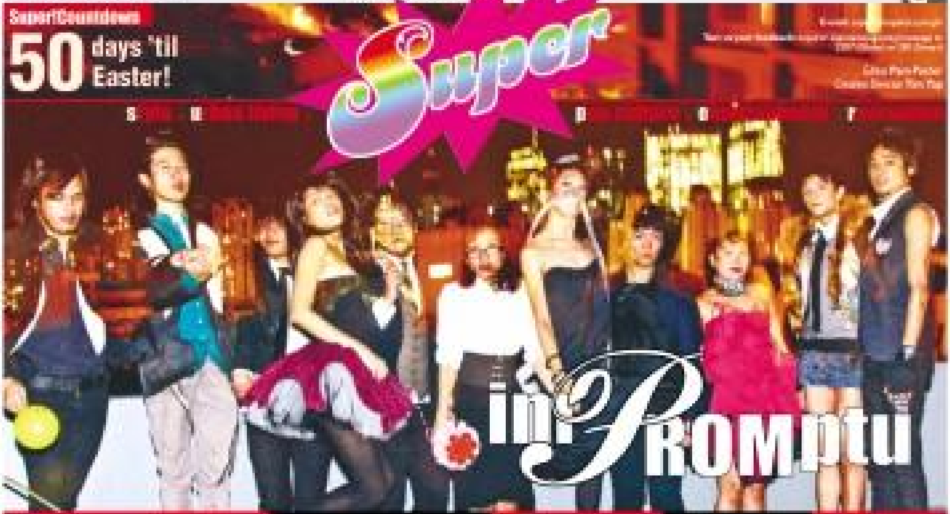
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Masquerade, De La Salle Zobel's recent junior-senior prom, turned a high school tradition into a high-concept event



Promtastic!

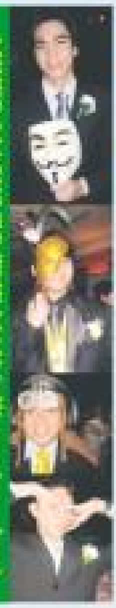












T HIS IS MY FIRST PROM ever!" goes Wawi Navarroza. It's hard to believe that the pixie-ish photographer and razor-cheekboned vocalist of The Late Isabel had never been socially immersed in this, the iconic event every teen movie ...

Age against the machine

Gino de la Paz

MIXED MASKS TO THE MAX (alliteration alert)





The best of times, the test of time



In the judicial system of the high school jungle, being different was a crime, and being uncool was the greatest sin of all

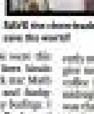
OUT THE WINDOW

Tais Diaz

T HERE WAS AN IMBALANCE in The Force, a rip in the time-space continuum, a glitch in the matrix. I blinked, and found myself back in high school. Stranger still, I was back in my high school prom.

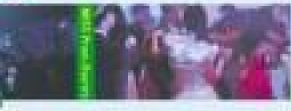


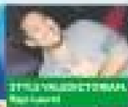
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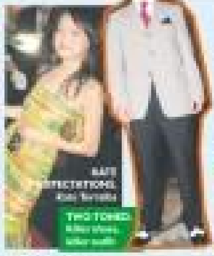
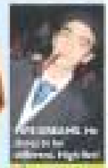
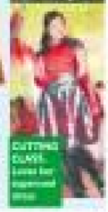











The iPod vignette in my mind

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High school avatar

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Celebrate Chinese New Year at SM SUPERMALLS



The Chinese lunar calendar sets February 18 at the start of the Lucky Year of the Fire Pig. Observed by over a sixth of the world's population, the Chinese New Year begins with the appearance of the new moon and ends about 15 days later with the full moon.

Welcome Chinese New Year with a joyful bang! Celebrate with the whole family at SM Supermalls.

A grand mix of shop 'n save opportunities, lots of eat-out choices and mall entertainment – with a festive backdrop of red and gold lanterns, and banners – are in store for you and your family.

CELEBRATE CHINESE NEW YEAR AT SM SUPERMALLS



2007 YEAR OF THE PIG

KUNG HEI FAT CHOI



Wushu Exhibition

A dynamic demonstration of the art of self defense and its aesthetic applications on mental discipline and good health



Emperor's Court

An imperial chair set against an equally royal arch awaits shoppers who wish to pose for souvenir shots.



Lion and Dragon Dance

A spectacular performance that ushers in good luck and the best of fortunes by chasing away negative energies and scaring away evil spirits.

Don't miss these New Year mall highlights!

Emperor's Court

Wushu & Sanshou Exhibition

Lion & Dragon Dance

Chinese Choir & Ensemble

Chinese Calligraphy Demonstration

Chinese Mime

Free Feng Shui Reading

Cheong Sam Fashion Show

Chinese Dance Presentation

Ang Pao for Luck

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YACHT CLUB: Lucy Lorca's Moinstar

'My brother is not a Pig!'

Tim Yap



BUT SOMEHOW THIS YEAR is. Pardon the use of Mini-kaie Marquez's famous phrase as this article's title but I just had to pork it out to welcome the Chinese New Year.



Microtel mania















'My brother is not a Pig!'







Feeling good should always be our priority



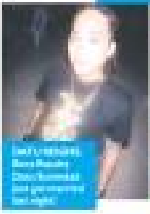




















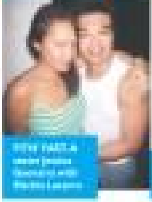




















Hayop! It's Super!'s guide to a wild 2007

Snake

Good Months: May & July

Tiger

Rat

Rabbit

Rooster

Sheep





Hayop! It's Super!'s guide to a wild 2007

Read on and find out what's in store for your inner animal in the jungle otherwise known as 2007



Boar



Ox



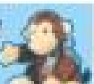
Dragon



Horse



Monkey



Dog





Super

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Take Jackson Pollock, give him a computer, programming skills and something for vectors and algorithms. Give him a few piercings and teach him the words 'dude' and 'suck-'ss' and you get an artist called Joshua Davis. Super readers, say hi.



The dude of dynamic abstraction





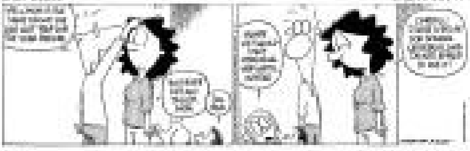
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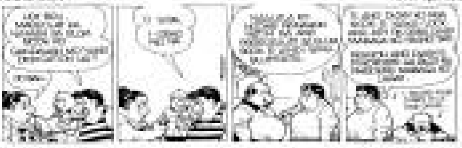
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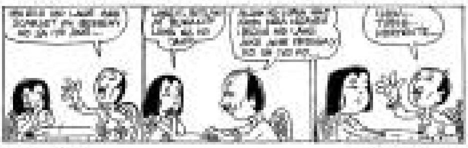
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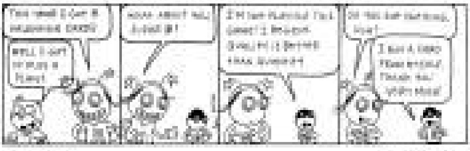
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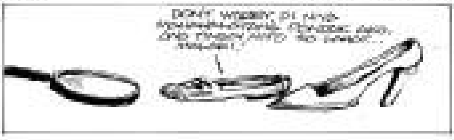
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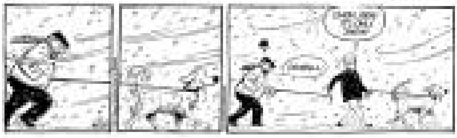
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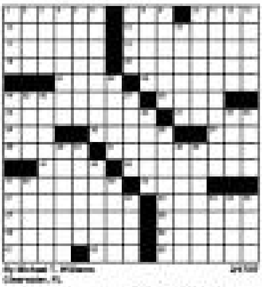


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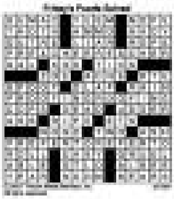
DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS [illegible]



DOWN [illegible]

Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

[illegible]

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku — by Dave Green

1					7			5
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Difficulty Level ★★★★

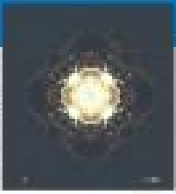
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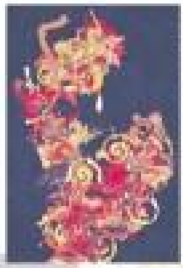
Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

[illegible]

The dude of dynamic abstraction







Loud and clear





Spread the love

Other Super! 24/7 events:

Feb. 17, Saturday

Feb. 18, Sunday

Tonight, get loud with Lisa Loud, a top female DJ from the UK

Feb. 19, Monday

Feb. 20, Tuesday

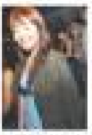
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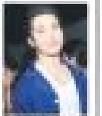
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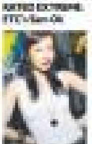
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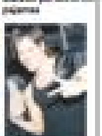


Extreme ice parties









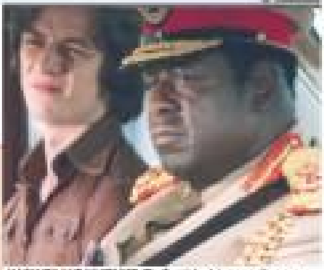
A Toast to Ten

SATURDAY Special

Editor Nestor U. Torre • Assistant Editor Rito P. Asilo

SNEAK PREVIEW

'Last King' gets ready for his Oscar crown



McAVOY AND WHITAKER. The Scottish adviser soon discovers that the despot isn't playing games.

By Rito P. Asilo

Rise and fall

Customary



WHITAKER as "flamboyantly sinful" African leader, Idi Amin.

Mowelfund pays tribute to local movie icons

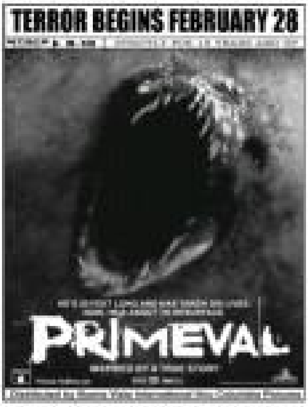
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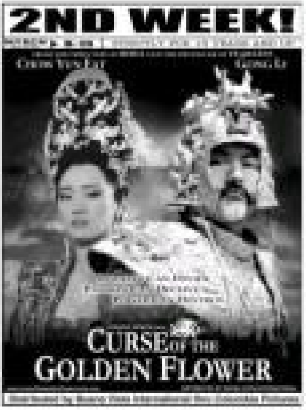


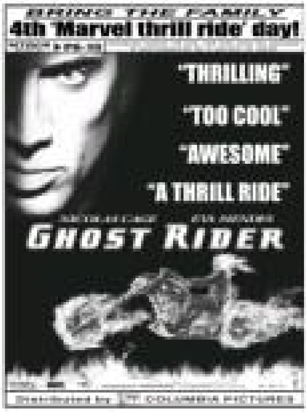
DELA RAMA. Comedic queen and National Artist.

Household name

Soft spot







The boy with nine lives

Street Smart

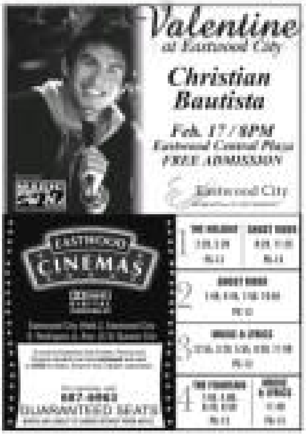
Mandy Navasero

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Condition

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Susan Roces moves on



ROCES: The epitome of poise and equanimity—but capable of a brewing hurricane, when needed.

Queenly

Serene presence

Energetic host

Favorite meals

Juliana Palermo treasures working with Romero



PALERMO: Role of a lifetime.

Nervous

Mowelfund pays tribute . . .

From page F1



DOLPHY: Charity without publicity.

The boy with nine lives

From page F1





MEMBERS of Gary Manaoat's family

Children



THE DUO'S workshop at the US Open was attended by more than 200 dancers.

Swing, ballroom champs to visit Manila Feb. 21-28

THERE IS A TOP-NOTCH FILipino dancer in the United States who is relatively unknown in the Philippines. Well, that's about to change.

Swing Champion and top-ranked ballroom dancer Armand Cosuco Jr., better known as Arjay Cosuco, an American-born Filipino, will visit Manila from Feb. 21 to 28 with his parents, Armand Cosuco Sr. and Rhona Evangelista Cosuco.

The Cosucos, formerly of Quezon City, make their home in California. They will be accompanied by Arjay's girlfriend and dance partner, Melissa Rola, and her mother, Marlis Rola of Sebastopol, California.

Arjay and Melissa have been invited to perform as guest artists at the Red Ball of the Washington Branch of the Philippine Red Cross on Feb. 24. If their schedule permits, they may perform in other venues as well.

Awards

Few people straddle the worlds of ballroom dance and swing in the United States as easily and as boldly as Arjay and Melissa. They perform, compete, teach, choreograph, and judge dance events all over the United States. They have competed and won awards both in ballroom dancing and in swing.

The first rollout of their two instructional DVDs, "Breakthrough Concepts in Swing" and "1-2-3 Dancing," sold out quickly. They are developing another set of DVDs. Check out their websites at www.arjaycosuco.com and www.melissarola.com.

Arjay's and Melissa's professional dance talents and expertise, especially in Swing, which has more events and draws much larger crowds than Ballroom in the US, have resulted in professional and commercial dance commitments all over.

Their busy travel schedule takes them from their base in the Bay Area of California and San Francisco to Monterey, Fresno, San Jose, Sacramento, Lake Tahoe, Ventura, Los Angeles, Anaheim, in California to Reno, Nevada; Washington, DC; Tysons Corners, Virginia; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Atlanta, Georgia; Phoenix, Arizona; Denver, Colorado; Boston, Massachusetts; Syracuse and Newark, New Jersey; Connecticut; Michigan; Alaska; and Hawaii.

They have also been invited to perform in England and Switzerland.

Last November 2006, they won 2nd Place in the Showcase Division of the US Open Swing dance Championships in Anaheim, California.

Premier dance event

The US Swing Open is the premier dance event in the Swing calendar and draws participants and fans from Europe and Australia.

Arjay and Melissa are much-sought-after teachers and were contracted to give a workshop in Swing. Over 200 dancers attended their workshop at the US Open.

In the world of Ballroom, Arjay and Melissa have been no less successful. In April 2006 at the sold-out Bern Open Sensation at the Grand Hilton's gigantic theater, their performance of a Tango, Waltz, and Viennese Waltz earned them a standing ovation from the crowd.

In 2005, Arjay and Melissa's International Style tango won them a Supreme award, the highest possible, at the International Grand Ball (IGB) in Burlingame, California. Arjay, also a trained concert violinist, introduced their dance with a tango violin solo, after which they segued into the tango. As a result, the impressed judges invited them to perform at the IGB's gala ball.

Concert halls

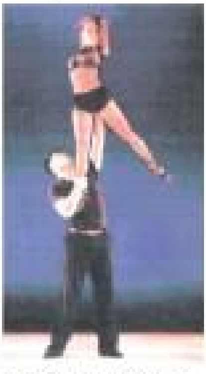
Arjay studied the violin from the age of six, and has played in concert halls in the Netherlands, Denmark, and Austria, touring with the San Francisco Symphony's Youth Orchestra. He has a degree in Graphic Arts, designs and develops websites, enjoys challenging his dad to a mean game of golf and bowling, and has trained in the Martial Arts.

Melissa has a degree in Dance Performance, trained with the San Francisco Ballet, and was the 1998 Theater Arts Adagio Champion. She has just returned from Los Angeles, where she and Benjie Schwimmer performed for a Christina Aguilera video.

As ballroom dancers, Arjay and Melissa were fortunate to have received coaching from some of the best dancers in the world.

Arjay, Melissa and Benjie Schwimmer, the winner of "2006 So You Think You Can Dance" TV series in the US, belong to a select group in Swing called the "Champions," who compete in the Champions Divisions of Jack and Jill Swing and Strictly Swing by invitation only, and are invited to headline Swing events in the US and other parts of the world.

It is gratifying to find a Filipino dance talent not only among Philippine homegrown dancers who are reaping awards here and abroad, but also in other countries, as in the case of Arjay in the US.



ARJAY and Melissa display form that won them second place at the US Open Dance Championships.

SATURDAY Special



NOW SHOWING

Noble intention gets lost in translation

"The Fountain"

SOMETIMES, PATIENCE IS A useful virtue when watching movies. In the case of "The Fountain," Darren Aronofsky's follow-up to his cerebral 1998 debut, "Pi," and the disturbing drama, "Requiem for a Dream" (2000), you have to be in a certain frame of mind when you sit through it.



Oscars wish list

Frontrunner

Illustrious career

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3 indieSine: ROME and JULIET
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6 THE PROMISE
7 THE FOUNTAIN
8 THE MESSENGERS
9 HANNIBAL RISING / THE HOLIDAY
10 TROIKA

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4 TROIKA
5 THE PROMISE
6 THE MESSENGERS
7 THE FOUNTAIN

METRO EAST

1 GHOST RIDER
2 MUSIC and LYRICS
3 THE PROMISE
4 GHOST RIDER
5 THE HOLIDAY / HANNIBAL RISING
6 NIGHT at the MUSEUM / APOCALYPTO
7 THE MESSENGERS
8 TROIKA

NOVALICHES

1 GHOST RIDER
2 THE PROMISE
3 TROIKA
4 MUSIC and LYRICS
5 THE MESSENGERS

PIONEER

1 MUSIC and LYRICS
2 GHOST RIDER
3 THE PROMISE
4 THE FOUNTAIN

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2 GHOST RIDER
3 CHARLOTTE's WEB
4 THE PROMISE

LIPA

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2 HANNIBAL RISING
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4 NIGHT at the MUSEUM

DASMARINAS

1 THE MESSENGERS
2 GHOST RIDER
3 TROIKA
4 THE PROMISE

ANGELES

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2 THE PROMISE
3 THE HOLIDAY
4 MUSIC and LYRICS

IMUS

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4 GHOST RIDER
5 TROIKA
6 THE CLEANER

STARMILLS

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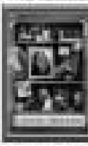
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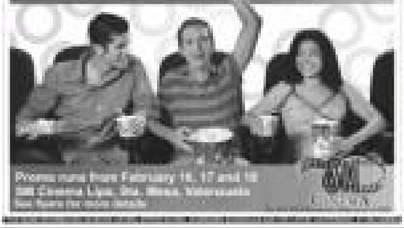
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MOVIE GUIDE

NOW SHOWING

Satirical rom-com is a cut above the rest



BARRYMORE AND GRANT: [illegible]

By [illegible]

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Salvation

[illegible]

Obligatory love scene

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'Pepot Artista' makes mainstream debut at IndieSine

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DEL MUNDO (right) [illegible]

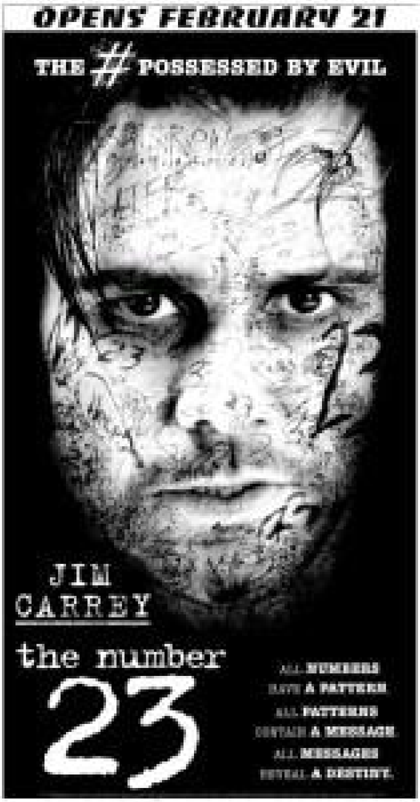
Mature character

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Opportunity

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SATURDAY *Special*

Season for new versions of *hit productions*

By [illegible]

DON'T LOOK NOW, but 2007 is shaping up as the season for new film or TV versions of old movies. "The Promise," starring Richard Gutierrez and Angel Locsin, takes its cue from "Wuthering Heights" and then "Hihintayin Kita sa Langit," which top-billed Dawn Zulueta and Richard Gomez.

Recently a plan was floated to remake Sharon Cuneta's early starrer [illegible] with Sarah Geronimo playing [illegible] role. [illegible]

[illegible] on TV the next stage, "Pahiram ng Pag-ibig," [illegible] Vilma Santos' hit dramatic film [illegible], with Rica Peralejo [illegible]





DOES Rica Peralejo (above) have what it takes to step into Vilma Santos' shoes in the new TV version of Santos' hit film, "Pahiram ng Pag-ibig"?

Tours, Leisure & Chow

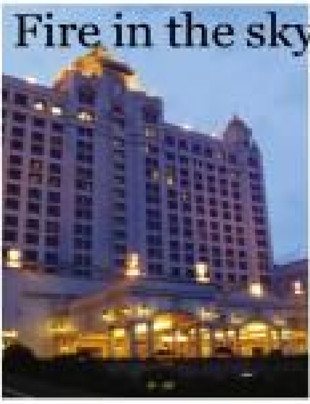


Where to Stop Where to GO

A weekly directory of the country's best establishments

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Fire in the sky at Waterfront



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Fiesta San Miguel's band line-up

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A celebration of good fortune and prosperity at the Century Park Hotel

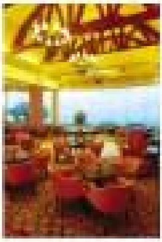
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Chinese New Year at Peony Garden

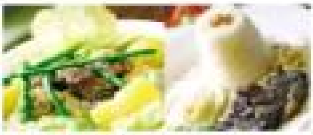


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Fridays at the Taal Vista Hotel



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Home style comfort at affordable rates

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Murphy's dream gig is to deliver Oscar speech



MURPHY, as soul singer James "Thunder" Early performs with the Dreams.

Goofy

Dramatic role

Most resilient

Flops



Season for new versions of hit productions

Viability

Nicolas Cage is under-utilized in 'Ghost Rider'



CAGE'S "blazing" character becomes a bounty hunter for the devil.

Myth and fable

More horrible



"The Promise," the latest local film inspired by "Wuthering Heights."

Nick nixes childhood obesity

Tribute to Tito Arevalo

At Ayala Malls Cinemas

Promise fulfilled



At Enchanted Kingdom

'Kamustahan' TV Special

Windfall of renewed affection



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Banderas eager to expand directing career



Portrayal

Deeply personal

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Nick nixes childhood obesity

MONTAGE

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'Kabul Express'





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